of Monsoon 1989 is Rs. 200|- lacs. Before onset of Monsoon 1989 drinking water to Jhuggi Dwellers will be made through public hydrants|deep hand pumps.

Havoc caused by earthquakes in Bihar etc.

289. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the extent of havoc caused by the earthquake in Bihar and other places in September last?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): The extent of damage caused by earthquake of 21st August, 1988 in Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim is given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

Statement

Bihar ..

1. Number of districts affected 18.

2. Number of human lives lost 282.

3. Number of persons injured 3767.

4. Houses damaged 149334.

5. Damage has been reported to buildings, roads, bridges, culverts; hospitals, animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries, power stations, embankments, irrigation systems educational institutions etc.

Sikkim

1. Number of districts affected 4.

2. Number of human lives lost 2.

3. Number of houses damaged 12806.

4. Damage has been reported to crops, water supply installations, religious institutions, roads, bridges, buildings, educational institutions, livestock, irrigation systems, forest animal husbandry, power installations, etc.

West Bengal

1. Human lives lost Nil.

2. No. of persons injured 5.

Extensive damages reported to the buildings specially in Darjeeling Sadar Sub-Division, Darjeeling Railway Station, Jalapathar Telephone Exchange Building|Sanatorium, Buthia Busty town out post and collectorate building in Darjeeling town, Water pipeline damaged at some places.

Roads communication from Kalimpong and from Darjeeling to Siliguri distrupted due to landslides and cracks.

Price of Neptha supplied to fertiliser manufacturers

290. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the price of Naptha being supplied by Government to the manufacturers of fertilizers in the country;

(b) to what extent this price is different from the prices of Nāptha being supplied in other countries like USA, USSR and other developing countries;

(c) whether Government propose to review the price structure of Neptha in the interest of the farmers; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI. R. PRABHU): (a) Naphtha is being supplied for the manufacture of fertilizers at Rs. 1982.31 per M.T. exclusive of applicable excise duty.

(b) Details of prices of Naphtha in countries like USA, USSR and other developing countries are not available.